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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07414.0009-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jessica BARZILAI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
)  
Serial No.: 10/785,082 ) Examiner: Samuel P. Siefke  
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Filed: February 25, 2004 )  
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ) Confirmation No.: 8544  
TRANSPORTING SAMPLE WELL )  
TRAYS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated March 27, 2008, the Examiner required  
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- Group I: Claims 13-18 and 38-45, allegedly drawn to an apparatus for transporting sample well trays;
- Group II: Claims 29, 30, and 37, allegedly drawn to a system for manipulating sample well trays;
- Group III: Claims 31-36, allegedly drawn to a method of manipulating sample well trays; and
- Group IV: Claims 46-48, allegedly drawn to a system for manipulating and thermal cycling a sample well tray.


Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's apparent characterizations concerning the claims, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group IV (i.e., claims 46-48) in this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 25, 2008

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